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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert J. "Bob" Rooney of Western Springs; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Rooney was born on March 21, 1931, the first day of spring, and passed away on September 17, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Rooney faced one of the toughest challenges of his life more than 30 years ago with the passing of Joan O'Brien Rooney, with whom he had been married for 25 years and with whom he was bringing up 7 loving children; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Rooney found strength in his faith and continued to raise his children, but he would not be alone; he and his family were found by Muriel McAuliffe Rooney, who would be his wife for 30 years; more children joined this loving household at this time; and

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WHEREAS, As his career moved onward, Bob Rooney became a leading member of the lay support team that buttresses the work of Misericordia Heart of Mercy, the Chicago-based home and nonprofit service center for persons with developmental disabilities; and

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1           WHEREAS, For Bob Rooney, the words "faith" and "service"  
2 were intertwined; he was a reader at Mass and a Eucharistic  
3 Minister of his parish; and

4           WHEREAS, Bob Rooney was a defender of his country during  
5 the height of the Cold War, having served in the United States  
6 Air Force; and

7           WHEREAS, Bob Rooney is survived by his wife, Muriel, who  
8 knows him as the proud father of 11 children, the loving  
9 grandfather of 34 grandchildren, and the indulgent  
10 great-grandfather of 3; and

11           WHEREAS, Bob Rooney will be fondly remembered by his  
12 friends and family as a man who was able to be both tough and  
13 kindly at the same time; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 mark with sadness the death of a true gentleman, a believer and  
17 practitioner of Christian service, and a man of courage, Robert  
18 J. "Bob" Rooney; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to his widow, Muriel McAuliffe Rooney, as a mark of  
21 respect by the Illinois House of Representatives to the Rooney

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